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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS

WITH INDIA

- 1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN JANUARY 7:
- (Q) IS IT TRUE AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA ARE IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF AN INDIAN OBLIGATION TO BEGIN REPAYMENT OF A SOVIET WHEAT LOAN?
- (A) A PL 480 AGREEMENT WITH INDIA IS UNDER NEGOTIATION AT THIS TIME. SINCE THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY, I HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THEIR SUBSTANCE. HOWEVER, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED VERY SOON.
- (Q) IS THIS WHY AMBASSADOR KAUL IS CALLING ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY TODAY?

(A) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AMBASSADOR KAUL AND THE SECRETARY WILL REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS AMONG OTHER TOPICS AT THEIR MEETING.

2. DURING JANUARY 7 PRESS BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT USED GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR SECOND QUESTION ABOVE TO REPLY TO QUERY WHY KAUL WAS CALLING ON SECRETARY. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED CONCERNING PROBLEMS NEGOTIATION PL 480 AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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